

Adult Home Care Aide Specialist Program (AHCAS)

The AHCAS Program is an advanced training for in-home care providers. The training focuses on developing new skills to provide specialized support. The goal is to improve health, provide behavioral intervention supports, and assist people to maintain and/or attain the highest quality of life while receiving in-home services. This training is in partnership with DSHS' Aging and Long Term Support Administration.



Eligibility Requirements for Clients

- Individuals receiving in-home services from an individual provider (IP), and:
- Possess a PRISM Risk Score 1.5 or higher, or;
- A Behavior Points score of 12 or higher
- Provider meets eligibility criteria described below

Eligibility Requirements for Providers

- Currently certified as a Home Care Aide or equivalent; or have completed basic training requirements
- Currently providing in-home services to an eligible client
- Have worked at least 600 cumulative hours
- Completion of AHCAS 70-hour training
- Passing of skills test

Benefits for Clients and Providers

- Support proactive interventions to promote positive behavior
- Enhanced person-centered practices to support individual goals
- An increased provider knowledge-base of individual care needs
- AHCAS providers will receive a \$0.75 hourly increase after passing the class and test

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Over 1600 care providers have completed the AHCAS training as of the end of 2019. Approximately 4,800 people receiving DDA in-home services are currently eligible for the [AHCAS training](#).